# **Activity:** Cultural Programs

**Activity Summary** 

Program Components	2005 Enacted	2006 Estimate	Fixed Costs & Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	Change From 2006 (+/-)
National Register Programs	15,553	15,094	+310	0	15,404	+310
National Center for Preservation Technology and Training	1,931	1,903	+19	0	1,922	+19
Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Grants	2,403	2,368	0	0	2,368	0
National Underground Railroad to Freedom Grants	296	368	0	-368	0	-368
<b>Total Requirements</b>	20.183	19,733	+329	-368	19,694	-39
Total FTE Requirements	138	137	0	0	137	

**Summary of FY 2007 Programmatic Changes for Cultural Programs** 

Request Component	Amount	FTE	Page #
Programmatic Changes			
<ul> <li>Discontinue National Underground Railroad to Freedom Grants Program</li> </ul>	-368	0	ONPS-34
TOTAL, Program Changes	-368	0	·
Fixed Costs and Related Changes	+329	0	ONPS-5
NET CHANGE	-39	0	

#### **Mission Overview**

The Cultural Programs Activity of the National Recreation and Preservation account supports the NPS mission by contributing to the goal "Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partner-ship programs." This goal directly supports the Department of the Interior's Strategic Plan goals to protect the Nation's natural, cultural and heritage resources.

### **Activity Overview**

NPS Cultural Programs support the preservation of the Nation's historical and cultural heritage and the integration of preservation values in public and private decisions. Located within headquarters, regional and field offices, the major program components of this activity are:

- National Register Programs Assists communities nationwide in preserving their cultural heritage
  through formal designation and technical assistance programs that recognize and help preserve significant historic and archeological properties. Federal designation provides eligibility for Federal financial assistance and regulatory protection.
- National Center for Preservation Technology and Training Supports a national system of research, information distribution, and skills training in the preservation and conservation of the Nation's significant historic and archeological properties and material culture.
- National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Grants Assists Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in documenting and repatriating cultural items. In addition, grants assist museums in fulfilling their responsibilities to summarize and inventory Native American cultural items for the purposes of NAGPRA compliance.
- National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Grants Assists communities, local governments, States, and private organizations in preserving history and historic and archeological properties with verifiable associations to the Underground Railroad.

Activity: Cultural Programs

**Program Component:** National Register Programs

# **Justification of 2007 Program Changes**

The 2007 budget request for National Register Programs is \$15.404 million and 129 FTE, with no program changes requested for FY 2007.

### **Program Overview**

The National Register Programs encourage all levels of government and the private sector to preserve their cultural resources. The Programs offer a wide range of technical assistance for protecting historic and archeological properties, including:

- National Register of Historic Places
- National Historic Landmarks Survey
- HABS/HAER/HALS/CRGIS
- Cultural Resources Diversity Program
- Archeological Assistance/Departmental Consulting Archeologist
- Heritage Preservation Services
- Federal Preservation Institute
- National NAGPRA Program

#### **National Register of Historic Places**

The National Register of Historic Places is the official inventory of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. It includes all historic areas of the National Park System, National Historic Landmarks, and properties nominated by States, Federal agencies, and Tribes. The National Register encourages citizens, public agencies, and private organizations to recognize, use, and learn from historic places to create livable and viable communities for the future. The primary objectives of the National Register of Historic Places program are to:

- Recognize and protect America's heritage. Listing in the National Register qualifies a property for Federal preservation incentives, consideration in planning for Federal projects, and other programs and activities that assist in preserving significant places. Private preservation efforts, spurred by the honor of National Register listings, and made feasible by financial incentives, have resulted in a rise in the value of historic properties and in construction, business, and employment opportunities throughout the Nation.
- Provide standards, guidance, and assistance. The National Register has developed a broad range of published, Internet based, and audiovisual materials to meet the needs of States, Federal agencies, national parks, local governments, Indian Tribes, and private citizens seeking to evaluate, nominate, and use the National Register.
- Increase citizen knowledge of the Nation's heritage. The National Register provides access to valuable information on America's historic places for public education, tourism, research, planning, and economic development on the places that document the historic contributions of all Americans. The National Register has embarked on an ambitious plan to digitize the National Register archives and place them on the Internet so that these records will be readily available to researchers, property owners, planners, and members of the public. The National Register is also developing a paperless process for submitting nominations in which the documentation is already electronic and digitized and can be made publicly accessible through a new database.

#### **National Historic Landmarks Program**

Designated by the Secretary of the Interior, National Historic Landmarks are among the most significant places in American history. Landmarks illustrate and commemorate our collective past and help us understand our national identity. The objectives of the program are to:

Protect America's most important historic places. Through designation of the country's nationally significant historic places, the National Historic Landmarks program illustrates the full fabric of American history. It helps citizens understand, appreciate, and protect the places where important history hap-

pened. Places designated as a National Historic Landmark can lose their designation if the qualities or features that made it eligible for designation have been lost or destroyed.

- Survey American history. Through theme studies, the National Historic Landmarks program outlines
  the full range of American history, guides the evaluation of historic places, and helps others identify
  places worthy of national recognition.
- Provide public access to American history. The records of the National Historic Landmarks Program are accessible to researchers, educators, students, and the public through a variety of media.
- Assist in preserving National Historic Landmarks through technical assistance to property owners.

# Heritage Documentation Programs (HDP): Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS)/Historic American Engineering Record (HAER)/Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS)/Cultural Resources Geographic Information System (CRGIS)

Heritage Documentation Programs identify and record structures and sites that have an important place in the history of our Nation and in the development of American architecture, engineering and landscapes. Since the establishment of HABS in 1933, HDP has followed the principle of "preservation through documentation," using a combination of large-format photographs, written historical reports, measured and interpretive drawings, field research, and geographic information and database management systems (GIS and DBMS) to produce a lasting archive of the Nation's built environment. All documentation is produced according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Architectural and Engineering Documentation, commonly known as HABS/HAER Standards. HDP documentation is widely used for interpretation, education, restoration, and facilities planning and management, both within the National Park Service and nationwide. In addition, it resides on permanent deposit at the Library of Congress, where it is made available to the public at the Library and on the Internet (memory.loc.gov/ammem/hhhtml/hhhome.html). The public utilizes the Collection extensively, making it the most heavily accessed of all the collections in the Library's Prints and Photographs Division. The program's major objectives are to:

- Create a permanent archive of our Nation's architectural, engineering, and landscape heritage for the benefit of current and future generations of Americans.
- Promote architectural documentation and GIS as cultural resource preservation and planning and problem-solving tools, both within the National Park Service and nationwide.
- Train future historians, architects, photographers and preservationists in the field of architectural, engineering and landscape documentation and GIS.
- Develop and promote national standards and guidelines for architectural, engineering, and landscape documentation and GIS.

# **Cultural Resources Diversity Program**

This program assists governments, private organizations, communities, and individuals with identifying and interpreting cultural resources associated with minority and ethnic groups; develops a new generation of cultural resources professionals who represent the full diversity of the United States; and fulfills NPS/DOI responsibility to extend benefits of cultural resources programs to diverse communities. The primary objectives of this program are to:

- Increase the number of individuals representing all the Nation's cultural and ethnic groups in professional jobs in this the cultural resources field as historians, archeologists, historical architects, ethnographers, historical landscape architects, and curators.
- Increase the number of diverse organizations and communities that are involved in the historic preservation/cultural resources field and served by NPS and other public/private preservation programs.
- Increase the number of historic and cultural resources associated with the Nation's diverse cultural groups that are identified, documented, preserved, and interpreted.

### Archeological Assistance/Departmental Consulting Archeologist (DCA)

The primary objectives of this program are to:

• Provide technical assistance, guidance, and advice to Federal and State agencies and others regarding the identification, evaluation, documentation, management, preservation, and interpretation of archeological sites, including historic shipwrecks and other submerged cultural resources.

- Maintain and make available information in the National Archeological Database (NADB) about archeological reports prepared in conjunction with Federal agency projects, archeological permits issued by Federal agencies between 1907 and 1986 for scientific investigations, and GIS archeological maps with site frequencies and other data at the State and county levels.
- Promulgate regulations and provide technical assistance and guidance, to Federal, State and local government agencies and tribal governments regarding legal tools, such as the Antiquities Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), for protecting archeological resources.
- Promulgate regulations and provide technical assistance and guidance to Federal agencies and repositories that care for federally owned and administered archeological collections on the curation of those collections including associated records and reports.

# **Heritage Education Services (HES)**

Heritage Education Services increases public knowledge of, and builds support for, the preservation of the Nation's cultural heritage. This office uses the Nation's historic resources to educate students at all levels, educators, State, tribal, and local governments, universities, and the public.

Find more information about Heritage Education Services online at http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/twhp/index.htm, and at http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/index.htm/.

### **Heritage Preservation Services (HPS)**

The Heritage Preservation Services program protects historic resources throughout the Nation by helping citizens and communities identify, evaluate, and preserve historic places significant at the local, State, and national levels. The program works closely with the Historic Preservation Grants program to preserve prehistoric and historic properties and cultural traditions in partnership with States, Tribes, local governments, and others.

HPS administers the Federal Preservation Tax Incentives Program, under which a 20 percent credit against Federal income taxes is available to property owners or long-term lessees who rehabilitate income-producing buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The HPS role, in partnership with SHPOs, is to certify to the Internal Revenue Service that the rehabilitation project preserves the historic character of the building.

The National Historic Preservation Act provides that Indian Tribes may be approved by the National Park Service to assume program responsibilities previously carried out by State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). HPS administers this Tribal Preservation Program by reviewing tribal proposals to ensure that applicant Tribes are capable of successfully carrying out the duties they propose to assume.

HPS also administers the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP), which promotes the preservation of significant battlefields from all wars fought on American soil, along with associated historic sites. The program focuses on preservation strategies that avoid costly Federal land acquisition and the unnecessary creation of additional NPS units. The ABPP administers two grant programs: one that focuses on community planning and education projects, and one that uses Land and Water Conservation Fund moneys to assist efforts by State and local governments to acquire and protect significant battlefield lands.

HPS also administers the Historic Landscapes Initiative (HLI). The HLI uses technical assistance and education to foster greater awareness, designation, and preservation of these important and underrepresented historic resources.

① Find more information about Heritage Preservation Services online at http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/.

#### Federal Preservation Institute (FPI)

The Federal Preservation Institute (FPI) mission is to "implement a comprehensive preservation education and training program" (see Section 101(j) of the National Historic Preservation Act). FPI assists Federal employees in obtaining the education, training, and awareness needed to carry out each office's responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act and related laws by identifying instructors,

and developing training programs, publications, and on-line and classroom materials that serve multiagency needs and the needs of the Federal workforce.

(i) Find more information about the Federal Preservation Institute online at http://fpi.historicpreservation.gov/.

# **FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates**

National Register of Historic Places

- List 1,450 additional properties in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Continue to provide standards, guidance, and assistance to historic preservation field by publishing National Register bulletins and providing other forms of technical assistance.
- Continue to distribute bulletins, videos, brochures, and pages of National Register registration documentation upon request to the public and partner organizations.
- Continue to digitize National Register archival files and make them available on the NPS Focus website.

#### National Historic Landmarks Program

- Review, process, and present to the National Park System Advisory Board 20 National Historic Landmark nominations, and facilitate their designation by the Secretary of the Interior.
- Complete two National Historic Landmark theme studies or historic context studies.
- Establish a network of internal and external peer reviews to provide expert evaluation of nominations. Heritage Documentation Programs: HABS/HAER/HALS/CRGIS
- Document 15 National Historic Landmarks, 50 National Park Service LCS structures, and 500 other historically or technologically significant structures and sites.
- Use the Priority List of Undocumented Structures (PLUS) to increase recording of threatened, endangered, and under-represented structures or sites by 50%.
- Train students in historical documentation and preservation techniques through increased awareness of the Peterson Prize competition (100 students) and use of student interns (20 students).
- Train approximately 50 NPS employees and others in the use of GIS and GPS.
- Encourage donations of documentation from universities, SHPOs, and other institutions.
- Refine program for training other Federal agencies in historical documentation techniques.
- Increase electronic transmittals to Library of Congress.

#### Cultural Resources Diversity Program

- Sponsor 15-20 summer and semester interns through the Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program.
- Expand the "Reflections" series of manuals with a new volume on Native American cultural heritage.
- Continue to publish two issues of *Heritage Matters: News of the Nation's Diverse Cultural Heritage* annually.

# Archeological Assistance/Departmental Consulting Archeologist (DCA)

- Collect comprehensive data from 30 Federal agencies about their archeological activities for inclusion in the Secretary of the Interior's Report to Congress on the Federal Archeology Program.
- Keep Federal guidance and technical assistance current, useful, and readily accessible through the Archeology Program website (www.cr.nps.gov/archeology.)
- Provide technical assistance through online training and other means to improve the effective interpretation of archeological resources and to increase resource protection.
- Propose for public review a regulation on deaccessioning Federal archeological collections as part of 36 CFR Part 79, "Curation of federally-owned and Administered Archeological Collections."

#### Heritage Education Services

- Improve National Park Service heritage education offerings, in cooperation with other government agencies and private organizations, to better address underrepresented groups and topics.
- Post Teaching with Historic Places (TwHP) lesson plans on the National Park Service website and coordinate with the Department of Education (DOEd) regarding DOEd's online index of educational resources. Highlight lesson plans featuring historic places in Preserve America communities on the TwHP website.

### Heritage Preservation Services

- Award matching grants for non-Federal acquisition of land at 10 Civil War battlefields, thereby permanently protecting significant battle sites from commercial development. Award approximately 15 other grants to assist identification, planning, and education efforts to protect significant battle sites.
- Approve 900 rehabilitation projects of commercial buildings for Federal Preservation Tax Incentives totaling \$3.0 billion of private investment.
- Approve six additional tribal historic preservation programs during FY 2007 in time for participation in FY 2008 program funding, bringing the total to 72 Tribes participating in FY 2008.
- Foster and assist community efforts to designate and protect seven significant historic landscapes.

#### Federal Preservation Institute

 Conduct 12 Federal Training Work Group (FTWG) meetings for Federal Preservation Officers and staff from 72 Federal agencies.

# **FY 2006 Planned Program Performance**

#### National Register of Historic Places

- List 1,450 new properties in the National Register, bringing the cumulative total to 81,285.
- Provide standards, guidance, and assistance to historic preservation field through National Register bulletins and other forms of technical assistance.
- Complete digitization of 25% of the National Register archival collection.

#### National Historic Landmarks Program

- Review, process, and present to the National Park System Advisory Board 20 National Historic Landmark nominations, and facilitate their designation by the Secretary of the Interior.
- Complete National Historic Landmarks theme studies on American Aviation Heritage and Civil Rights in America: Voting Rights.

# Heritage Documentation Programs: HABS/HAER/HALS/CRGIS

- Record 25 National Historic Landmarks to HABS/HAER/HALS standards; record 70 National Park Service structures and sites appearing on the List of Classified Structures (LCS) to HABS/HAER/HALS standards; record 480 other historically or technologically significant structures and sites to HABS/HAER/HALS standards; record 5 threatened or endangered sites or structures to HABS/HAER/HALS standards; record 5 under-represented types of structures or sites to HABS/HAER/HALS standards.
- Prepare Priority List of Undocumented Structures (PLUS) to provide roadmap for future documentation projects.
- Develop and implement program for documentation training for other Federal agencies.
- Train 20 student historians, architects, and engineers in architectural and engineering documentation through the HDP Summer Recording Program; train an additional 100 students through the Peterson Prize competition.
- Develop and implement new model to continue training students in compliance with HSPD-12.
- Draft protocols for electronic (digital) transmittals of photographic documentation to the Library of Congress.
- Train 50 NPS employees and others in the use of GIS and GPS through 6 NPS-sponsored training courses and field schools.
- Develop and implement disaster assistance plans for recording threatened or damaged cultural resources.

#### Cultural Resources Diversity Program

- Sponsor 18 interns in the NPS Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program.
- Complete Phase III of the Race and Slavery project, which will study topics of race and slavery at a
  historic site in the Washington, DC area, in cooperation with George Washington University's Center
  for the Study of Public Culture and Public History.
- Complete first draft of manuscript, "Hispanic Reflections on the American Landscape: Cultural Traditions and the Built Environment," for review by NPS and outside scholars.
- Publish two issues of Heritage Matters: News of the Nation's Diverse Cultural Heritage and disseminate newsletter to 1,250 organizations and individuals.

Archeological Assistance/Departmental Consulting Archeologist (DCA)

- Collect comprehensive data from 30 Federal agencies about their archeological activities and programs for inclusion in the Secretary of the Interior's Report to Congress on the Federal Archeology Program. Complete the Secretary's Report to Congress summarizing and assessing the Federal archeology program from 1998 through 2003.
- Improve the accuracy of NADB Report records in the national online database.
- Begin development of an online, searchable NADB module on archeological permits issued between 1906 and 1986.
- In cooperation with other Federal land management agencies, professional societies, and the NPS Natural Resource directorate, update web pages to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Antiquities Act and to integrate natural resource information.
- Work to develop a regulation on deaccessioning Federal archeological collections as part of 36 CFR Part 79, "Curation of federally-owned and Administered Archeological Collections."

#### Heritage Education Services

- Evaluate the NPS cultural resources heritage education programs and the audiences they serve, and develop priorities and strategies for extending heritage education offerings to underserved audiences and programs.
- Post Teaching with Historic Places lesson plans on the National Park Service web site, bringing the total number available to 129.

#### Heritage Preservation Services

- Complete approximately 50 percent of the fieldwork necessary for the Congressionally mandated update report on the condition of significant Civil War battlefields previously identified by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission.
- Award matching grants for non-Federal acquisition of land at 10 Civil War battlefields, thereby protecting significant battle sites from commercial development. Award approximately 15 other grants to assist identification, planning, and education efforts to protect significant battle sites.
- Approve 900 rehabilitation projects of commercial buildings for Federal Preservation Tax Incentives totaling \$3.0 billion of private investment.
- Approve six additional tribal historic preservation programs in time for participation in FY 2006 program funding, bringing the total to 58 Tribes participating in FY 2006. Approve an additional eight Tribes in time for their participation in FY 2007 program funding, bringing the total to 66 Tribes by the beginning of FY 2007.
- Foster and assist community efforts to designate and protect seven significant historic landscapes. Federal Preservation Institute
- Conduct 12 Federal Training Work Group (FTWG) meetings for Federal Preservation Officers and staff from 72 Federal agencies.
- Provide on-line learning modules on NAGPRA and Section 110 on the Historic Preservation Learning Portal for Federal agency and public use.
- Secure funding for the Historic Preservation Learning Portal from 12 Federal agencies and index 400 websites.

#### **FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments**

National Register of Historic Places

- Increased listings in the National Register of Historic Places for FY 2005 to 79,835, which exceeded the target of 79,770.
- Completed seven new "Discover Our Shared Heritage" online travel itineraries with State and local partners: South and West Texas; Amistad: Seeking Freedom in Connecticut; Florida Shipwrecks; Raleigh, North Carolina; and James River Plantations, Virginia.
- Distributed 22,522 bulletins, videos, and brochures and 87,808 pages of National Register registration documentation upon request to the public and partner organizations.

### National Historic Landmarks Program

• Designated 26 NHLs for a cumulative total of 2,391 National Historic Landmarks (NPS target was 2,384).

- Continued work on Congressionally authorized National Historic Landmark theme studies on American Aviation Heritage (in partnership with the U.S. Air Force) and Civil Rights in America: Voting Rights.
- Completed the Congressionally authorized theme study on *Japanese Americans in World War II.* Heritage Documentation Programs: HABS/HAER/HALS/CRGIS
- Documentation: Documented NPS sites, including barns at Antietam NB; the Kingsley Plantation at Timucuan; and the White House, as well as significant structures and sites in Arkansas, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Hawai'i, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Documented 36 National Historic Landmarks and 67 National Park Service sites. In total, added 481 new sets of documentation to the HABS/HAER/HALS Collection at the Library of Congress, including 4,230 large-format photographs, 3,425 pages of historical information, and 552 sheets of measured architectural drawings; catalogued 3,425 records. CRGIS designed and executed 26 Cultural Resources GIS documentation projects, including 7 Federal (non-NPS) projects; 6 NPS GPS/GIS projects; and 13 endangered battlefields.
- Standards and Guidelines: After extensive consultation with the American Society of Landscape Architects, field-tested documentation guidelines for the new Historic American Landscapes Survey at Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC. Developed draft set of Standards and Guidelines for creating, managing, and distributing cultural resource spatial data; held two related workshops with NPS Cultural Resource database managers, delivered five presentations on the draft standards, including one to Federal Preservation Officers.
- Training: Trained 20 architecture and history students, including international (US/ICOMOS) students, in architectural and engineering documentation through our summer recording program, and an additional 133 students in the Charles E. Peterson Prize Competition for measured architectural drawings. HDP staff led a week-long preservation training workshop for 16 students at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, and another week-long documentation and preservation workshop for 12 participants at Silverton, CO. As the first phase of increasing donation of documentation the Collections, extended outreach for Peterson Prize Competition through the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.
- Public outreach: HDP disseminated information on preservation and documentation through articles published in professional journals, including CRM: The Journal of Heritage Stewardship, Bartram Broadside, The Journal of Decorative and Propaganda Arts, the Bulletin of the International Committee for the Conservation of Industrial Heritage, Railroad History, and the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography. Conference presentations on preservation and documentation included Vernacular Architecture Forum, Society of Architectural Historians Latrobe Chapter, Society for Industrial Archeology, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute for Conservation, Transportation Research Board, Council of American Maritime Museums, American Society of Landscape Architects and American Association of Planners.

#### Cultural Resources Diversity Program

- Sponsored 17 interns in the NPS Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program.
- Completed Phase II of Race and Slavery at Historic Sites project, a study of interpretation of race and slavery at Manassas, in cooperation with George Washington University's Center for the Study of Public Culture and Public History.
- Completed publication, Asian Reflections on the American Landscape: Identifying and Interpreting Asian Heritage, and distributed it starting in early 2005.
- Published two issues of *Heritage Matters: News of the Nation's Diverse Cultural Heritage* and disseminated newsletter to 1,200 organizations and individuals.
- Helped fund 60 diversity scholarships to attend National Trust for Historic Preservation annual meeting.

#### Archeological Assistance/Departmental Consulting Archeologist (DCA)

- Expanded the Archeology Program website (www.cr.nps.gov/archeology) by adding new materials, including Archeology Law for Professionals and Archeological National Historic Landmarks.
- Offered, in cooperation with the Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit (CESU) at the University of Maryland, online training for interpreters and archeologists to improve the effective interpretation of archeological resources.

- Began development of an online data entry system for NAD Reports. The number of report records in NADB Reports increased to 350,000.
- Designed and implemented web pages in cooperation with other Federal land management agencies and professional societies to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Antiquities Act of 1906.

#### Heritage Education Services

- Produced seven new classroom ready lesson plans for the "Teaching with Historic Places" program, bringing the total number of lesson plans available on the NPS website site to 125. Lesson plans linked to the national social studies standards. An index to lesson plans featuring registered historic places in designated "Preserve America" communities was added to the TwHP website. Five lesson plans were added to the Department of Education's online index to Federal Resources of Educational Excellence (FREE).
- Educators and preservation organizations received more than 250 copies of the "Teaching with Historic Places" video and a list of more than 30 NPS cultural resources educational offerings. Information on NPS offerings was included in the Save Our History Educator's Manual sponsored by the History Channel.

#### Heritage Preservation Services

- Drafted the Congressionally mandated study of historic sites associated with the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The study report, which includes assessments of the relative significance, current condition and priorities for the preservation of over 800 principal sites will be peer reviewed during 2006.
- Awarded \$4.4 million of Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants to assist non-Federal
  acquisition projects at 6 Civil War battlefields, resulting in the protection of 950 acres of significant
  battlefield land. Awarded 12 planning grants totaling \$351,000 to assist in the preservation and protection of America's historic battlefields.
- Approved 811 rehabilitation projects of commercial buildings for Federal Preservation Tax Incentives totaling \$3.12 billion of private investment. Approved projects resulted in the rehabilitation of 8,951 housing units.
- Approved six additional Tribes to assume SHPO duties, so that a total of 52 Tribes participated and received Federal funding assistance in FY 2005.

#### Federal Preservation Institute

- Installed the Historic Preservation Learning Portal on NPS servers and began implementation of full online functionality: http://fpi.historicpreservation.gov/. Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Learning Portal disseminated disaster recovery information for cultural resources.
- Organized the interagency Governing Team made up of representatives from agencies funding the Portal and conducted four meetings; and eight training and demonstration sessions of the Portal.
- Secured funding for the Learning Portal from 10 Federal agencies.
- Conducted 12 Federal Training Work Group (FTWG) meetings. Total attendance was 404 persons.
- Provided lectures and materials to international visitors in cooperation with the National Park Service International Office, and coordinated presentation by the FBI Art Theft Crime Team.
- Distributed 1,000 copies of "Consultation with Native Americans" brochure to Tribes and Federal agencies.

Activity: Cultural Programs

Program Component: National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

# **Justification of 2007 Program Changes**

The 2007 budget request for the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training is \$1,922,000 and 8 FTE, with no program changes requested for FY 2007.

# **Program Overview**

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) advances the application of science and technology to historic preservation. Working in the fields of archeology, architecture, landscape architecture and materials conservation, the Center accomplishes its mission through training, education, research, technology transfer and partnerships. Located on the campus of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, NCPTT supports a network of public and private partners through primary research, grants, joint research projects, and cooperative agreements.

① Find more information online about NCPTT programs at www.ncptt.nps.gov.

# **FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates**

- Re-evaluate and revise NCPTT's Strategic plan and research priorities.
- Produce a cemetery conservation manual that provides preservation professionals with guidance on care and treatment of cemetery monuments.
- Work with the NPS Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC) to develop a symposium on the preservation of masonry forts in the NPS, particularly the 3<sup>rd</sup> forts, and similar structures outside the NPS.
- Examine very high resolution reflections from the eyes of people in historic photographs and extract images of the environment in which the photograph was taken. These extracted images can yield previously inaccessible data for preservation professionals from multiple disciplines.



NCPTT Materials Research Conservator and summer interns work on repair of headstones at Catholic Cemetery in Natchitoches, La.

#### **FY 2006 Planned Program Performance**

- Conduct a three-part course on the latest geo-prospection technologies in archeology. This course will provide students with hands-on experience at a National Endowment for the Humanities funded site that was the plantation of Marie-Therese Coincoin, a free woman of African descent considered the matriarch of Louisiana's Cane River Creoles.
- Building on three successful years of basic and journeyman level cemetery monument conservation training, NCPTT will for the first time offer an advanced cemetery monument conservation workshop. This workshop will focus on a greater variety of materials and more complex repairs than previous workshops. Participants will be alumni of previous workshops and others who have basic skills.
- Announce, review and award Preservation Technology and Training Grants (PTT Grants). The PTT
  Grants program supports research, training, meetings, conferences and publications that advance the
  application of science and technology to historic preservation in the fields of archeology, architecture,
  landscape architecture and materials conservation.
- Create a web-based application to process, review, and map Hurricane Katrina GIS survey data from New Orleans and provide notification to homeowners of qualification for listing in National Register of Historic Places. (In collaboration with NPS CRGIS office and FEMA)
- Complete a two-year project funded by the National Cemetery Administration through an interagency agreement to test a wide range of commercially available products used to clean biological growth on

headstones. Products are evaluated on their cleaning effectiveness, inhibition of re-growth, ease of use and application, environmental and human safety, and potential long-term damage.

# **FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments**

- Offered a series of nine cemetery preservation training events that provided information to an audience of more than 300. Conducted the Midwest Regional Cemetery Monument Conservation Workshop held May 24-26, 2005 in Omaha, Neb. Ninety-one percent of participants rated the workshop as excellent or good for organization and one hundred percent excellent or good for being worthwhile.
- Completed evaluation of vitrification as a treatment for traditional terrazzo floors as part of General Services Administration funded research, contributing scholarly knowledge to the selection and treatment of terrazzo, and adds practical advice to managers of thousands of historic structures.
- Convened the first symposium to define issues, present approaches, and consider strategies to meet
  the goal of the Preservation Education Initiative: "to enable every graduating architecture student to
  develop fundamental skills and values needed to contribute positively to the stewardship of this nation's historic resources." Co-sponsored with the American Institute of Architects, a symposium on the
  State of historic preservation architecture education internationally.
- Held an expanded NCPTT Summer Institute in Natchitoches, LA, focusing on engineering for older and historic buildings. Eighty-five percent of participants were "very satisfied" with the two workshops.

# **Performance Overview**

Measure	2005 Plan	2005 Actual	Change from 2005 Plan	2006 Enacted	2006 Change from 2005	2007 Request	2007 Change from 2006
	See Historic						
	Preservation						
	Programs:						
	Grants-in-						
	Aid to States						

Activity: Cultural Programs

Program Component: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Grants

# **Justification of 2007 Program Changes**

The 2007 budget request for NAGPRA grant programs is \$2,368,000 and 0 FTE, with no program changes requested for FY 2007.

# **Program Overview**

The Native American Graves Protection Grants Program awards grants to museums, Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations under the provisions of 25 U.S.C. 3008. From FY 1994 to FY2005, the NAGPRA grants program has awarded a total of 513 grants. The two major purposes of the grants are to:

- Fund museum and tribal projects that summarize and inventory Native American cultural items for the purposes of NAGPRA compliance, and for consultation with Tribes to identify items in museum collections for which Tribes may desire to make a claim.
- Fund the repatriation process, including travel and costs of transfer of control from museums and agencies to Tribes.
- (i) Find more information online about NAGPRA grant programs at: www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/grants/index.htm.

# **FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates**

- Receive and review 100 competitive consultation and documentation grant projects from Tribes and museums, and to fund the maximum number of grants reviewed, ranked and recommended by the grants selection panel.
- Fund 30 repatriation requests for the transfer control of Native American human remains and NAGPRA cultural items from museums and Federal agencies to Native American Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

# **FY 2006 Planned Program Performance**

- To receive 75 competitive consultation and documentation grant projects of Tribes and museums, and to fund the maximum number of grants deemed appropriate by the grants panel.
- To fund 25 repatriation requests for the transfer of control of Native American human remains and NAGPRA cultural items from museums and agencies to Native American Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

#### FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments

Competitively awarded 48 NAGPRA grants to assist the activities of Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and museums in achieving identification of items in collections and to conduct consultations in furtherance of the NAGPRA process. Some of the grants awarded in 2005 included:

- A grant of \$72,468 to the Colorado Historical Society to conduct consultation with 46 federally recognized Tribes in order to identify tribal interest in Colorado collections.
- A grant of \$74,554 to the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe of Nevada, to travel to the San Diego Museum
  of Man and the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum to view collections and consult regarding culturally affiliated Shoshone human remains.
- A grant of \$74,686 to the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, Louisiana, to establish their tribal NAGPRA program and sponsor a meeting to bring together all of the federally recognized Choctaw Tribes.
- A grant of \$73,966 to the Museum of Northern Arizona to expand tribal consultations and obtain tribal advice on care and disposition of the museum's holdings.

**Activity:** Cultural Programs

**Program Component:** National Underground Railroad to Freedom Grants

# **Justification of 2007 Program Changes**

The National Underground Railroad to Freedom Grants program funding is not requested for FY 2007, a program change of -\$368,000 and 0 FTE from the 2006 level.

#### Discontinue National Underground Railroad to Freedom Grants Program: -\$0.368 million

Funding for this program was added by Congress in FY 2006, and the NPS proposes eliminating funding in order to support higher priority programs.

#### Program Performance Change Table

Total Perfori	mance Change	- \$369,000 in grants					
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D= B+C</u>	<u>E</u>		
Overall Performance Changes from 2006 to 2007							
Measure	2006 En- acted Base Perform- asure Performance ance Change		2007 Impact of Program Change on Performance	2007 Budget Request Performance	Out-year Impact of 2007 Program Change on Performance		
Grants awarded	\$368,000	\$368,000	- \$368,000	\$0	No grants will be awarded.		

# **Program Overview**

The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act was amended in October 2000, by P.L. 106-291, Title I, Section 150, to give the Secretary of the Interior authority to make grants up to \$2.5 million annually for the preservation and restoration of buildings and structures associated with the Underground Railroad, and for related research. These grants require a one to one match.

# **FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates**

Monitoring will continue for previously awarded grants which are not completed by FY 2006.

### **FY 2006 Planned Program Performance**

- Monitor 18 grants awarded in FY 2005.
- Obtain resolution through solicitor's office regarding preservation grant for church
- Conduct competition and award \$373,000 in grants.

#### FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments

- 18 grants for \$295,800 awarded, from 38 applicants requesting more than \$640,000.
- Monitored and closed-out all but one remaining FY 2002 (14 projects for \$250,000) grants.

(BUR IIIa2B) Additional

State, Tribal,

and local

properties

protected (BUR IIIa2C)

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See HPF

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All dollar figures in thousands

Performance Overview for Cultural Programs

NOTE: This table does not include any proposed goal and measure changes resulting from the DOI Strategic Plan update now underway. See Performance Summary Tab for details

underway. See	Performance Su	ımmary Tab for details	I	I		I	1
	2005 Plan	2005 Actual	Change from 2005 Plan	2006 Enacted	2006 Change from 2005	2007 Request	2007 Change from 2006
Additional properties designated as National Historic Landmarks <sup>1</sup> (BUR IIIa1A)	10	23 (26 added and 3 removed)	+ 13	20	- 3	15	-5
Additional properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (BUR Illa1B)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
Additional historic and archeological properties inventoried and evaluat- ed <sup>1</sup> (BUR IIIa1C)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
Additional historic and archeological properties designated (BUR IIIa1D)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
Participating Cultural properties in good condi- tion (SP, BUR IIIa2)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
Percent National Historic Landmarks in good con- dition (BUR Illa2A)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
Additional Eligible National Register properties protected (RUR UR2R)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						

	2005 Plan	2005 Actual	Change from 2005 Plan	2006 Enacted	2006 Change from 2005	2007 Request	2007 Change from 2006
Additional properties designated as National Historic Landmarks (BUR PART HP-1)	10	23	+ 13	20	- 3	15	-5
Percent National Historic Landmarks in good condition (BUR PART HP-2)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
Additional properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (BUR PART HP-3)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
Percent of Eligible Na- tional Regis- ter properties protected (BUR PART HP-4)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
Additional historic and archeological properties inventoried, evaluated, or designated (BUR PART HP-5)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
Cost of giv- ing an his- toric property a new desig- nation or other level of protection (BUR PART HP-6)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						
User Satis- faction with historic preservation assistance (BUR IIIa3)	See HPF Grants-In- Aid to States and Territo- ries						

This goal is also supported by HPF Grants-In-Aid.